

Clark County Coroner
1704 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106
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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF [REDACTED]

Date of death: 0545 hours on October 2, 2017

Date of examination: 2340 hours on October 3, 2017

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the name [REDACTED] and the case number.

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Technician Brieanna. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. A pair of black leggings, underwear, white bra and black tunic accompany the body.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY: None.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Injuries are described in a separate section below.

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed, obese (BMI = 45.4 kg/m²), female appearing in her [REDACTED]. The length is 62 inches, and the weight is 248 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, nonblanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is covered with black hair measuring up to 8 inches on the top of the head. The face is clean shaven. The earlobes are pierced. The irides are brown, the corneas are opaque, and the bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae are free of petechiae. The sclerae are white. The nose is intact, and the nares are unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in good condition.

NECK: The neck is symmetrical and without injury.

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CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses. The breasts are symmetrical, and without palpable masses.

The abdomen is mildly protuberant and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The atraumatic external genitalia are those of an adult female.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus is atraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No needle punctures, track marks, or ventral wrist scars are seen. The fingernails are cut short and are slightly dirty.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and without edema, amputation, or deformity. The toenails are trimmed short and are clean.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS): None identified.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

There is a penetrating gunshot wound of the back. The directions are stated with reference to the standard anatomic positions.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF BACK:

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the left side of the back. It is centered 12-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 1 inch left of midline. There is a 1/8 x 1/16 inch defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion.

PROJECTILE/SITE OF LODGEMENT: A metallic projectile is recovered from the subcutaneous tissue of the left breast.

DIRECTION: Back-to-front, right-to-left, and downward.

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SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Chest blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected ethanol (0.043 g/100mL).

HISTOLOGY: No tissue is retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs, and photographs of injuries and the projectile are taken.

RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show a projectile in the left chest area.

OPINION

Based on the examination findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is **gunshot wound of back**, and the manner of death is **Homicide**.

CAUSE OF DEATH: This [REDACTED] year-old female, [REDACTED] died from gunshot wound of back.

MANNER OF DEATH: **HOMICIDE.**



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